

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ralph C. Link, Pastor

Christ Church, Duncannon 9:00 A.M.
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

September 27, 1970

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Prelude
*Hymn 21
*Solemn Declaration
*Call to Worship
*Confession of Sin - page 4, 1st. prayer
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Lesson:
I Corinthians:: Chapter 3
*Gloria Patri
*Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal)
Pastoral Prayer
Announcements
Hymn 324
Sermon "WHO SPEAKS FOR CHRIST"
Scripture I Cor. Chap. 3: vs. 11
Offering
*Doxology (Trinity Church)
*Offering Response (Christ Church)
*Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 32
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen
Postlude

*Congregation Standing

An offering envelope for "Neighbors in Need" is attached to our Bulletins this morning. Let's be a good neighbor and contribute.

Visitation Day at Sadler Church Home, Carlisle, is TODAY, Sept. 27, 1970. The program will begin at 3:00 P.M. with Rev. Glenn E. Shultz, Pastor of St. John's Church, Chambersburg, as Speaker.

Trinity Church will hold a Sunday School Board meeting in the Sunday School room, WEDNESDAY, SEP'T. 30, at 8:00 P.M. ALL Officers and Teachers are urged to attend.

Church Women United, New Bloomfield, will hold a business meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church, Barnett St., Monday Sep't. 28, at 8:00 P.M. At this time the program for "Mission Study" will be discussed.

The "Mission Study" sessions of Church Women United will be held in Trinity United Church of Christ, High St., Oct. 7, and Oct. 14 from 10:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and Oct. 21, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church, W. McClure St. invites the public to attend their "Open House" at the new Rectory today, Sep't. 27 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Barnett St., invites the public to an "Open House" at the Parsonage Sunday, Oct. 4, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Lutheran Church invites the public to an "Open House" at their Parsonage, W. Main St. Oct. 11 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Who Speaks For Christ?

Text: I Corinthians 3; 11 "There can be no other foundation beyond that which is already laid; I mean Jesus Christ Himself."

Introduction;

Paul and the church in Corinth

Divisions and strife, envy, jealousy etc.

Followers of Christ and not Paul or Apollos.

Paul asking, "Who speaks for Christ in Corinth?"

Take imaginary trip with me as I go over actual trip and share it with you.

UPON CHURCH AT NEFFS SELFISH ATTITUDE

Allentown; Town of over 100,000, model for nation

blacks, Puerto Ricans, migrant workers, poor whites etc.

Poor housing job opportunities, food, clothing etc.

Who speaks for Christ in Allentown?

Or go to Nazareth and see congregation of about 1660.

Have handbell, ^{lower, junior} junior, junior hi, youth, mens, senior choirs.

Listen to 27 mens voices sing anthem for next Sunday or,

senior choir of 40 voices sing, Our God, Our help in Ages Past.

Singing matched that of entire congregation I have worshipped with.

Who speaks for Christ in Nazareth?

Or go to Bethlehem in Christ Church and visit youth in their coffee house.

Sing along with them and listen to them speak of their love for Christ in word and song.

Cong. numbers 1900 and youth only a part of enthusiastic congr.

Who speaks for Christ in Bethlehem?

Or go to womens job corps in Drum, Pa.

Walk with Helen Fox an 18 year old black from the slums of Chicago

listen to her story of childhood, and future plans.

Talk to Mrs. Horn and her concern and care for the girls in her dormitory.

Scared, holding hands, never saw toilet or shower.

75% black girls from all over US

Hazleton Churches do nothing.

Who speaks for Christ in Drum Pa.

Or go to Summit Hill, Pa. and see wonderful people who opened homes and hearts to us for week.

See alive working congr. under leadership of new Seminary grad.

Who speaks for Christ in Summit Hill, Pa.?

I least expected to find God or see the evidence of Him at UN
 Mrs. Sally Shelley public relations officer of UNESCO
 United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
 Old story of Village school master in Negare (Kneegare) Desert.
 Girl going blind and 15 dollars.
 Wrote 7 human interest articles and contacted major networks and major wire servs.
 Not new, no violence etc.
 80% of work of UN is this type only hear and see political side.
 Will get copy and devote sermon to UN
 Overwhelmed by New York City
 small town boy in big city
 liked subways
 people on and off like automaton or robots.
 One fellow said liked observe people and most had, "I don't care attitude."
 Others gave some other preacher talk.
 I saw people who need love and understanding, someone to care to show compassion etc
 Did not see or hear evidence of anyone speaking for Christ on N York streets.
 Journey ends at St. Mary Seminary Baltimore
 Joy of sharing, eating sleeping studying worshipping together,
 Hi point of entire trip at Huber Memorial UCC church
 Integrated church and experience had and may never have again.
 Singing, "Christ is Made The Sure Foundation"
 Raised eyes to choir and looking into black faces alongside white faces made me
 see for first time that all along I had been looking through the eyes of a white
 protestant middle class American as many had told us we were.
 Discovered full impact of what church should be.
 Must admit sang rest of hymn through tear filled eyes and around large lump in th.
 Reminded by travels of musical comedy "Music Man" and Professor Hill.
 Comes to town and sings, "You've got troubles, right here in River City."
 We've got troubles right here in _____
 Not race troubles like I saw, but racism in minds and hearts of some people
 Not lot of ~~xxxxxx~~ things common to other cities, but own problems
 pride and jealousy, love of tradition and edifice worship, boys who are nearby
 who need help, aged who need love and concern
 Oh yes, we have troubles enough of our own.
 We can all help our neighbors in need and not just with an envelope and forget it
 Maybe make calls as one member did. Maybe each make a call to friend or neighbor.
 All these things we can and must do but first be willing to speak for Christ.
 Only then can we make the church relevant and a viable institution.
 Who speaks for Christ in Duncannon and N. Bloom. Is it pastor? People? Is it anyone
 at all? We should all pray today and everyday, "Let it be me Lord, let it be me."

Who Speaks For Christ?

Text: I Corinthians 3; 11 "There can be no other foundation beyond that which is already laid; I mean Jesus Christ Himself."

Who speaks for Christ? Paul was telling the people of Corinth that to have strife and fighting among themselves over who was greater, Paul or Apollos was all wrong. He was admonishing them to give this up and seek for unity and that they were to be following Christ and not he or Apollos. This type of thinking has followed down to our own age. These past few weeks I have been privileged to see first hand how some of these quarrels have thwarted the very purpose of the church. I think for instance of a very large cathedral like church located in the Northeast Conference. ^{IN HEFFS PA.} It is supposed to be the largest union church in the world. By union they mean it is used jointly by the UCC congregation and the Lutheran church in the area. Each of the congregations is very large. One has a membership of 1800 and the other 1900. Neither of them will leave and build another church and they will not merge to form one congregation. They are only doing a half job here and they could care less. Who speaks for Christ in this ^{HEFFS}

In Allentown a city of approximately 100,000 people we were able to see how the whites, blacks and Puerto Ricans were able to work together co-operatively to overcome the conditions of prejudice, poor housing, poor job opportunities and so on. They are a model for the rest of the nation to follow. They care and the churches are working together to help the people who need help. ~~How~~ you can see who speaks for Christ. ^{IN ALLENTOWN}

Or go to Nazareth and see there a church of about 1600 people and sit in on their choir rehearsal and you will see another congregation speaking for Christ in the ministry of music. Here they have a Handbell choir, a Lower Junior Choir, a Junior Hi Choir, a youth choir, a Junior choir, a mens choir and a Senoir choir. I wish you could have sat with me and heard the mens choir composed of about 27 men singing the anthem they were to use the next Sunday. Or to hear the senior choir made up of 40 people. ^{SING OUR GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST.} Why their singing matched that of some ^{ENTIRE} congregations where I have worshipped. They have a waiting list for their choirs and those participants are there because they want to serve. ^{WHO SPEAKS FOR CHRIST IN NAZARETH}

Or go to the coffee house of Christ Church in Bethlehem and see there the youth as they speak and sing of Christ in their own little niche of the church. Perhaps I should not say little since the room they have is about as large as our downstairs area. But this is only a part of this large congregation of 1900. ~~But~~ The youth are exuberant and they are having a witness to others in the community. ^{WHO SPEAKS FOR CHRIST IN BETHLEHEM?}

ON GO TO PHOENIX PA & JESUS COMES FOR GIRLS

Or go with me to Summit Hill Pa. and see the wonderful people of the UCC congregation as they welcomed us into their homes and let us stay with them for the week. We saw Christianity at work in the lives of these people. They have a man who graduated from Lancaster this past May and he has served them as a student and now as a full time man. The church seems alive and vital and it is growing because the people are speaking for Christ, in their lives and in their worship. *WM SPEAKS FOR CHRIST IN SUMMIT HILL, PA.*

The place where I least expected to ^{FIND} ~~see~~ ^{FOUND} God was at the United Nations and it was here that I think I ~~see~~ ^{FOUND} Him more vividly than anywhere else.

A woman named Mrs. Selly Shelley, who is a public relations officer for UNESCO, which means, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, ~~she~~ ^{THERE} told of making a tour of different parts of the world and of some of her experiences. In particular she told of going to the Negare (Kneegare) desert and visiting ~~this~~ one little village ~~there~~, ^{there} There were no cars or other means of transportation, just walking into or out of the village. They have one hut in the center of the village and this is the school. Here a man dressed in white shirt and tie taught all ages of children. Most of the teaching was ^{DONE WITH} ~~learned through~~ a TV set run by battery and it could only pick up French speaking educational channels. So this is how they learned. The day Mrs. Shelley was there the schoolmaster was giving examinations to the class individually. He would hold up a picture of say a eskimo and ask where they lived and so on. One little girl was having difficulty in answering. He explained the girl was going blind. She had been raised by ~~a~~ grandparent and the grandparent had died and then with an uncle and he had died, and now with someone else. But no one cared about her because it cost money for medicine and the clinic was 10 miles or more away and it was uncertain if she could be helped there anyhow. So she was being left to the course of nature. Mrs. Shelley told the man she did not have a lot of money and could not stay there to do anything but she gave him 15 dollars and told him that if they needed more to contact her at the address she gave him and she would try to raise it. She said she received a letter sometime later telling her that the girl was now cured and the money she had given had been able to take care of the expenses involved. She said she came back to the United States and sat down and wrote up seven of these human interest stories. She contacted all of the major wire services and all of the major networks to see if they could use them. She was refused on all counts because they were not news. They contained no violence and were not important enough for anything. Who speaks for Christ? I think this woman with the courage to want to help someone in this modern day age does and I am convinced that the people behind the scenes of the UN are speaking for Christ also. We only see and hear the political end of the UN but 80 percent of the work of it is just like ^{BEHIND THE SCENES THE ONLY} ~~what~~ I have ^{RELATED TO} ~~just~~ told you about. I am supposed to get a copy of the incidents this woman

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all help if we really want to. We can do like the member of this congregation who made the phone calls to make people aware of church and communion on Sunday. We all have phones and maybe we could all make a call or two this week and invite someone to church next Sunday. We can all spare some of our time to help in the work of the church. Yes, all of these things we can do, but we first must be willing to speak for Christ. Only then can we make the changes in the church that must be made to make it a relevant and viable institution.

Who speaks for Christ in Duncannon and New Bloomfield. Is it the pastor? Is it the people? Is it anyone at all? Our ~~xxxxxx~~ constant prayer should be, "Let it be me Lord, let it be me."

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